

I would like to honor them. And I salute the entire community of Farmington, Minnesota, for helping with that noble cause.

HEALTH CARE AND COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, during this holiday season, it appears that all our fellow Americans are hearing is a sense of pessimism; but I rise to talk about the optimism of this Nation and the great strides that we have made, particularly as it relates to our seniors.

The Affordable Care Act has taken the brunt of everybody's criticism. My friends on the other side of the aisle are singing a broken record, not a Christmas carol.

It is important to note that seniors have benefited. The Affordable Care Act recognizes the financial burdens that seniors face. No group has been hit harder by soaring health care costs. But now, under the Affordable Care Act, seniors can have preventative care services without any copay, coinsurance, or deductible.

Services like wellness visits, cholesterol testing, and others, sing a good song, yet we sing a negative song to those who are lining the streets for comprehensive immigration reform. The families who have been fasting have been suffering.

Let's sing a good song for health care and do comprehensive immigration reform.

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PRESIDENTIAL CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE LAWS

(Mr. HOLDING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, when the President picks and chooses which laws to enforce, it undermines the foundations of our democracy.

Yesterday, in the House Judiciary Committee, we held a hearing to examine the President's constitutional responsibility to "faithfully execute" the law. Our Founding Fathers formed the structure of our government specifically so that none of the three branches could become too powerful. If we ignore our system of checks and balances, our government will become unstable and chaotic.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, this President and his administration have abused their executive power. President Obama continues to violate his constitutional duty to enforce the laws and instead chooses when, where, and which laws to enforce. He has enforced laws and policies based on preferences, like making changes to our immigra-

tion system, our criminal code, and his signature health care law.

Mr. Speaker, neither this President, nor any President, should grant themselves extra-constitutional authority to change laws they don't like. If the President himself does not follow the law, it sets a dangerous example.

SNAP: CHILDREN

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, this holiday season, my constituents have inspired me by writing in about the importance of food aid and the SNAP program.

All of us here in Congress have the luxury of knowing that we can provide our families with healthy food; but there are so many people in our country that will go this holiday without such a blessing, and, sadly, most of those in dire need are children. In fact, 70 percent of all households that depend on SNAP are families with children.

In my district, a 16-year-old girl named Maya was hospitalized last year for issues related to malnutrition. She had struggled in school and showed signs of depression. Maya's hospitalization triggered her father to apply for SNAP benefits. Having a more reliable source of food gave Maya the energy to improve her grades and help her family. She helped her family out by getting a part-time job.

As we debate the farm bill, let's remember that there are children like Maya. Let's work together to protect SNAP.

HONORING JIMMIE JOHNSON

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fastest constituent, Jimmie Johnson, who recently won his sixth NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.

In a remarkable display of teamwork, consistency, and a burning desire to always improve, Jimmie Johnson won six NASCAR championships in the last 8 years.

More importantly, Jimmie is a champion off the track. Since 2006, the Jimmie Johnson Foundation has contributed more than \$5 million to charity, with a special focus on improving K-12 education in North Carolina, Oklahoma, and California. In Charlotte, Jimmie is a supporter of Project LIFT, a private-public partnership working to improve the graduation rate in some of Charlotte's toughest neighborhoods.

Thank you, Jimmie, for using your on-track success to make a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of children.

DENNIS DENBO AND OBAMACARE

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the benefits of ObamaCare.

Dennis Denbo, a 63-year-old constituent of mine, spoke to our local newspaper, the Press-Enterprise, to share his story.

Mr. Denbo, who was laid off recently from his computer sales job, went to the Covered California Web site and found that he and his wife Jean will save \$300 a month on a plan comparable to what they have now.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Denbo wrote to my office to tell me personally about his experience and how deeply he believes in America's ability to achieve great things.

In his letter he said:

We are Americans. We can solve whatever issues or tactical challenges that come up in the implementation of a nationwide health care solution. We can make it efficient, cost-effective, accessible, and a valuable service for all Americans.

I couldn't agree more, Mr. Denbo.

The benefits of ObamaCare are real. This body should be concerned with finding ways to improve access to affordable health care instead of delaying and defunding.

ZEELAND WEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DIVISION 3 STATE CHAMPIONS

(Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zeeland West High School's football team on winning the 2013 Division 3 State championship on Saturday, November 30, at Ford Field in Detroit.

The Zeeland Dux rushed for over 440 yards during the game, resulting in a 34-27 win over DeWitt. Their 13-1 record this season is a testament to the players' dedication, hard work, and self-sacrifice. In fact, the program itself has become an example of hard work and leadership. This is the Dux's third State title since the program's inception only 9 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I didn't also congratulate Dux Head Coach John Shillito and his coaching staff for a job well done with his players, as he leads them not only on the field, but off the field.

Again, congratulations to the Dux on their big win last Saturday.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the positive impact